

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM KEANE**, on February 11, 2005 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jim Keane, Chairman (D)
Rep. Kathleen Galvin-Halcro, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Joe McKenney, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Bob Bergren (D)
Rep. Tim Dowell (D)
Rep. Kevin T. Furey (D)
Rep. Dave Gallik (D)
Rep. Ralph Heinert (R)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Harry Klock (R)
Rep. Scott Mendenhall (R)
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Dan Villa (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch
Kyanne Kelly, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 497, 2/3/2005; HB 502, 2/3/2005

Executive Action: HB 466, HB 469, HB 493

HEARING ON HB 497

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. JACK WELLS (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on **HB 497**, Right-to-work law.

00:03:29

Proponents' Testimony:

00:23:29 Greg Hagenston, Glendive Insurance Agent

00:26:41 **REP. ROGER KOOPMAN, HD 70, BOZEMAN**

Opponents' Testimony:

00:32:56 J.D. Lynch, Montana State Building Trades

00:35:39 Brad Molnar, Self

00:37:50 **REP. ALAN OLSON, HD 45, ROUNDUP**

00:39:29 Debbie Shea, Self

00:40:40 Keith Allen, AFL-CIO

00:45:30 Fran Marceau, United Transportation Union

00:47:46 Keith Kelly, Commissioner of Labor and Industry

00:49:50 **REP. BILL WILSON, HD 22, GREAT FALLS**

00:51:10 Jim McGarvey, President AFL-CIO

00:54:06 **REP. GEORGE GOLIE, HD 20, GREAT FALLS**

00:54:29 Craig Gilchrist, International Brotherhood of Teamsters

00:54:50 Don Allen, Environmental Trade Association

00:55:13 Gene Fenderson, Laborers Union

00:55:27 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association

00:55:44 Dan Flynn, Electrical Workers

00:56:04 Jason Miller, Carpenters Union

00:56:13 Pat Clinch, Firefighters Union

00:56:28 Don Judge, Teamsters Local 190

00:56:42 Terry Minnow, MEA-MFT

00:56:56 Larry Nielson, Helena Education Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:57:20

Closing by Sponsor:

01:06:40

HEARING ON HB 502

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. BRADY WISEMAN (D), HD 65, opened the hearing on **HB 502**, Eliminate background check for off-premises beer and wine licenses.
01:32:12

Proponents' Testimony:

01:36:11 Kelly Wiseman, Food Cooperative in Bozeman
01:40:08 Dana Huschle, Food Cooperative in Bozeman
01:41:27 Ronna Alexander, Convenience Stores of Montana
01:44:45 Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:45:33 Neil Peterson, Department of Revenue
EXHIBIT (buh34a01)
01:53:21 Gene Huntington, Department of Justice

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:54:29

Closing by Sponsor:

02:01:37

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 466

Motion: REP. GALVIN-HALCRO moved that HB 466 DO PASS.

Discussion:

02:19:28

Vote: Motion failed 7-11 by roll call vote with REPS. DOWELL, FUREY, GALLIK, GALVIN-HALCRO, JOPEK, VILLA, and WINDY BOY voting aye.

Motion/Vote: REP. MCKENNEY moved that HB 466 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED. Motion carried 11-7 by voice vote with REPS. DOWELL, FUREY, GALLIK, GALVIN-HALCRO, JOPEK, VILLA, and WINDY BOY voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 469

Motion: REP. GALLIK moved that HB 469 DO PASS.

Discussion:

02:25:05

Vote: Motion failed 7-11 with REPS. BERGREN, DOWELL, FUREY, GALVIN-HALCRO, KEANE, VILLA, and WINDY BOY voting aye by roll call vote.

Motion/Vote: REP. GALVIN-HALCRO moved that HB 469 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED. Motion carried 11-7 with REPS. BERGREN, DOWELL, FUREY, GALVIN-HALCRO, KEANE, VILLA, and WINDY BOY voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 493

Motion: REP. MCKENNEY moved that HB 493 DO PASS.

Discussion:

02:32:14

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:45 A.M.

REP. JIM KEANE, Chairman

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([buh34aad0.PDF](#))